

THRU : Assistant Director for Research and Reports
Chief, Economic Research

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Chief, Industrial Division

The Reassignment of [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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1. [REDACTED] Ch/I/TH, has tendered his resignation effective 25 January 1956. It is recommended that [REDACTED] be designated Acting Branch Chief of I/TH effective 26 January 1956. 25X1A9a

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2. Anticipating the need to replace [REDACTED] the writer 25X1A9a has reviewed ERA personnel qualified and available for this assignment. In this connection all ERA personnel GS 13 and above were reviewed with [REDACTED]. The consensus appears to be that Mr. 25X1A9a

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[REDACTED] is the best qualified person available for the appointment.

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3. [REDACTED]'s training and experience prior to joining CIA was in the field of engineering. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in mechanical engineering from [REDACTED] his primary 25X1A interest being in internal combustion engines and thermo dynamics.

4. In terms of the recommended reassignment, [REDACTED] 25X1A9a principal deficiency is his lack of background in Economics. Since entering on duty he has completed the following courses at George Washington University at his own expense:

- a. Economics 101A (Economic Analysis)
- b. Economics 101B (Economic Analysis)
- c. Money and Banking

He completed the ORR sponsored Economic Seminar in the summer of 1952. It is fully expected that he will continue to make good this area of weakness in his background.

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5. [REDACTED] has an adequate knowledge of the Russian language. In addition to the basic reading courses he has had the ORR sponsored courses in Geographic and Economic Russian. He has completed the Reading Improvement course and the Basic Management courses. His self initiated work in Economics together with his interest in self improvement through Agency-sponsored courses is a good indicator of [REDACTED]'s desire to equip himself for advancement in the Agency.

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6. [REDACTED] entered on duty on [REDACTED] 1951 and has been a 25X1A member of I/TH branch since that day. He presently acts as Deputy Chief of the Branch and has from time to time been temporarily assigned

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as Acting Chief. He is, therefore, thoroughly familiar with the area assigned to the branch and with the capabilities of the people in the branch.

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7. [REDACTED] has urged the reassignment of [REDACTED] In his last fitness report on [REDACTED] dated 7 June 1955, [REDACTED] concluded [REDACTED] is a top-notch employee." "He is qualified for and deserving of an assignment requiring greater responsibility." Mr. [REDACTED] is generally regarded in the branch as the senior person.

8. [REDACTED] is the author of a large number of contributions to area wide studies and of OHR Project No. 32.216, Diesel Engine Production in the USSR. He is an authority on the Soviet automotive industry and has prepared various papers dealing with mass production techniques in the Soviet automotive industry. He has taken on a number of special assignments for the office the last of which was a trip to the Vienna Trade Fair as part of the office re-evaluation of the SOVMAI program. [REDACTED] is 37 years old and holds a reserve commission of Major, [REDACTED]

9. For the reasons outlined above the writer respectfully urges that this recommendation be given favorable consideration.

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